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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY-GROMYKO DISCUSSION ON BERLIN PROBLEM

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1. I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO GOVERNING MAYOR WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION NOT ONLY FOR INFORMATION BUT ALSO FOR SECRETARY'S HANDLING OF PROBLEM WITH GROMYKO. (IN A PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DISCUSSION SCHUTZ PUBLICLY THANKED PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FOR MAKING IT CLEAR TO SOVIETS IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION ON TRANSIT ROUTES.)

2. WHILE DISCUSSING GENERAL PROBLEM CREATED BY THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN, SCHUTZ MENTIONED THAT: (A) IN HIS LAST MEETING WITH EGON BAHR ON SUBJECT, LATTER ATTACKED ON BROAD FRONT ALL THOSE SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA AND SAID THAT ONE OF HIS PURPOSES WOULD BE TO FORCE A FOUR POWER CONSULTATION ON MATTER WHICH COULD PRODUCE AGREEMENT TO END AUTOBAHN HARASSMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR A HARD WESTERN COMMITMENT TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FRG OFFICES IN BERLIN; AND (B) FRENCH AMBASSADOR

SAUVAGNARGUES (THE TWO MET TOGETHER AFTER SAUVAGNARGUES'

LUNCHEON WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV, BERLIN'S

TEL 211), AFTER REMINDING GOVERNING MAYOR THAT HE WAS LAST OF

NEGOTIATINGHAMBASSADORS STILL ON SCENE, SAID IT WAS
HIC CLEAR RECOLLECTION THAT IN QA NEGOTIATIONS SOVIET
CONCESSIONS ON ACCESS WERE TRADED OFF AGAINST WESTERN
COMMITMENTS TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER FEDERAL
OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS IN CITY.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN HIS
PRESENTATION GROMYKO SEEMED TO TAKE SOME LIBERTIES
WITH QA TEXT IN ASSERTING THAT AGREEMENT PROHIBITED
ESTABLISHMENT OF FRG OFFICES IN BERLIN AND IN SUBSTI-
TUTING WORD "ADMINISTERED" FOR THAT PART OF QA WHICH
STATED THAT EESTERN SECTIOS OF BERLIN CONTINUED NOT
TO BE GOVERNED BY FEDERATION. (ALTHOUGH IN CASE OF
WORD "ADMINISTERED", PROBLEM MAY BE ONE OF SIMPLE
TRANSLATION.). FACT IS THAT BOTH ASSERTIONS HAVE
BEEN MADE RECENTLY BY SOVIET AND GDR SPOKESMEN AND COMMENTATIORS,
BUT TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST
TIME IT HAS BEEN SO AUTHORITATIVELY STATED.
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